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# ELECTION ISSUE!!!

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## Student Association Elections

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### Jodi Shannahan-President

My name is Jodi Shannahan and I am currently the President of the Student Association. I would like the opportunity to continue in my leadership role to enable the organization to have stability while we are building a Student Center at Casa Loma. I feel that this year I have achieved a lot in my position, and now that I am trained and have built relationships in the Student Association as well as the College, I can do an EVEN BETTER JOB!! I would like to reach out to all of you and show you that by keeping me in the position of President we are not only saving money for training me, but I have chaired several committees and can continue achieving the goals in the organization that we have planned.



### Udana Muldoon-Vice President-Education

My name is Udana, and I am currently in the Child & Youth Worker Program, 2nd Year. The past school year I was elected to the position of VP-St. James and I have made many contributions to the SA within a short period of time. I recognize the dedication and importance of accomplished and proficient leaders. My accomplishments are abundant and diverse. I established a forum where Nursing students can raise issues about their program and designed a proposal to the dean to rectify the situations. I would like to plan a college wide forum to address issues. I sat on College Council and questioned motions brought forth by the college to ensure fair appeals process



### Nikki McAlister-Vice President, Casa Loma

My name is Nikki McAlister and I am in my second year (4th Semester) at George Brown College. I applied to George Brown as a mature student as I had been out of full-time school for roughly five years. During my time in limbo, I traveled throughout the U.S. trying to figure out what I wanted to do with myself. I camped out for weeks in the deserts of Arizona and hiked and swam throughout the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia, and while I had fun doing these things I was aware that I was learning skills that I hadn't learned in high school. I learned how to integrate myself quickly and easily into different cultures and communities.



### Doug Ball-Vice President, St. James

My name is Doug Ball and I am a student in the Community Worker program at George Brown College. One of my genuine joys in life is helping people. During my time here, I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in many extracurricular activities. I have been a leader on the men's volleyball team for two years and I have represented them on the Athletic Council. I know what it is like working with a diverse team. I am a great mediator and I possess the social skills necessary to relate with people of every background. I am an advocate for social justice and I truly believe in bringing out the best in all people. I am a political animal and I believe in direct student participation in the Student Association.



### Tim Johnson-Vice President, St. James

First, thanks for taking the time to read this. I hope you like what you see. Some personal information about me. I moved to Toronto in September, and I am a first year hospitality student. I am currently taking Food and Beverage Management. I am going to be the type of Vice President that will be looking after "our" needs first next year. I want everyone to have a good time at GBC. I want everyone to get involved in this school. I want to get to know each and everyone one of you, and I know that seems tough with a couple thousand students between St. James and Hospitality, but I will do my best. Stop me in the halls and say "hi", don't be shy. I don't bite. Hard! I love to have a good time, and plan on continuing that with the Student Association.



### Charles Baker At-Large Board Member, Hospitality

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## Why YOU should VOTE!!!

by Michelle Lightfoot  
2001 Chief Returning Officer

On Thursday, March 1, 2001 posters will start going up for this year's elections. You will see your fellow students as

candidates running for the George Brown Student Association elections. These postings can be found in various parts around the campus such as hallways, classrooms, the Zone and also the cafeteria. The candidates will be more than willing to talk with you about any questions you may have in regards to upcoming plans and agendas. This will mark the beginning of the campaign week.

If you are currently a full time student, then you are eligible to vote in this year's election. This will be your opportunity as part of the student body to express who you feel will be the best candidate. You will be able to cast your vote from Wednesday, March 14, 2001 to Tuesday, March 20 2001. Talking to the candidates is the best way of letting them know your opinions and concerns as they will be able to take responsibility in doing what is best for the student body. There are several individuals who want to run in efforts of representing you. The information will contain the names of candidates, their picture, a short biography and a series of questions that will express where they stand in representing you. I encourage you to take the time and read about this year's candidates. If you should have any questions in response to their write up, please feel free to approach them when you see them around the school. The Student Association represents students at all levels of college planning and decision making. In turn, they also represent your voice to the provincial and federal governments. At the Student Association you can express your concerns, get guidance and assistance. Your student representatives want to know and listen to your needs as a George Brown College student. By voting, you are fulfilling one of your responsibilities as a member of the George Brown community. You will be casting a vote that will determine who you feel will best represent you as an individual, your ideas and most of all the community you belong to.

To vote, have your student I.D. or proof of registration and go to the polling station at your campus. The polling stations will be set up everyday during voting week. The results from the 2001 election will be posted on door of the St. James campus Student Association office. If you cannot get to the St. James campus, you can call (416) 415-2900 X89323 for a recorded message with the results.



### Fashion Show Tops Black History Month

We got a chance to see GBC students really strut what they got. Did you enter the Black History Month Trivia Quiz at the computer lab? Answers on page 11. See fashion show highlights

## AFRICVILLE:

### The Ugly Truth About Africville, Nova Scotia

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### A reward Program for Teaching Excellence



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letter to the  
editors:

To the staff at Dialog,

Thank you for the entertaining articles that are written twice a month in your newspaper. I find it mind boggling how you guys have the time to publish the paper on a regular basis! I am thinking of joining the paper in the next school year. I think it is a great opportunity for me to learn some new skills that I could use on my resume and for my portfolio in the future.

The few times that I have come by the office everyone has been friendly and helpful as to my enquiries. You all seem to be having a lot of fun. I can't wait to start my placement at the Dialog! Signed, Peggy Lipton  
**Thanks, Peggy**

We are here to serve you.  
p.s. you're cute...

## Tories Fail Post-Secondary Education

by Allan Stokell

**N**ot one of the recommendations contained in a 1996 report on

Postsecondary education in Ontario have been acted upon by the Ontario government. The report of the Ontario Coalition for Postsecondary Education (OCPSE), concluded that: "Government policy on Postsecondary education must reflect a strong vision of the central role that Postsecondary education plays in shaping our society." Primary OCPSE recommendations were that funding for Postsecondary education should be regarded as primarily a public responsibility, the Ontario government should increase public investment in Postsecondary education and guidelines and mechanisms

must be developed to ensure that direct private sector support be unconditional and not intrude on academic autonomy.

The report went on to speak of accessibility to post-secondary education. Stating that government should be committed to universal accessibility as a right of citizenship. The 5 year old report also stated that tuition fees in Ontario have far exceeded a threshold at which they themselves become a barrier to accessibility for students in lower income backgrounds. The report further recommended that the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) be restructured so that students are able to access Postsecondary education without accruing life long debt." The report sidestepped the thorny question of private

colleges and universities, recommending that they not be established, but instead private money be used for "training" institutions where no degree granting privileges exist.

"It is imperative that no public funds be used to aid in the establishment of private universities/and or colleges. In so far as the setting up of private enclaves within publically funded Post-secondary institutions represents an appropriation of public resources." OCPSE represents more than 150,000 students, faculty, and staff in the provinces colleges and universities and includes Canadian Federal of Students-Ontario (CFS), Ontario Confederation of University Staff Associations, Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the Ontario Coalition for Social Justice.



## Do You Know What You Like?

**R**emember when you were younger and your Mom would come home from the mall with some new clothes for you? Of course, chances were that you'd hate that sensible wool beige cardigan that she insisted you try on immediately. There comes a time in everybody's life where they just have to pick out their own clothes. To most people clothing is an extension of their inner style or personality and it sends out a message of "this is me and this is where I fit in this world!" I would argue these days that many people are being told what to wear, whether they realize it or not. With the era of excess; the Eighties, came designer this and designer that. Old schoolers must remember that fly gear those days. Honeys would be sauntering down the way in their tight Gloria Vanderbilt® or Sergio Valente® jeans. Dudes would rock the spot in Kangol® caps, Troop® tracksuits, and Travel Fox® kicks. At least in the old days there was the absence of the multi-million dollar marketing machines that exist today. There existed more originality and creativity back in the day. Part of the reason being the exclusivity of brand-names such as Fila®, Adidas®, and Puma®, and also that hip-hop fashion was in its infancy. These days, you walk into a club or any school (GBC) and you

might think you're in that Slim Shady video-clone city. I remember even a few years ago, one could kind of tell what you were into, (i.e. Club kid, skater, punk, baller, prep...) these days y'all look the same to me.

With the large corporations spending more and more on marketing and less and less on the true manufacturing costs of the items themselves, quality is becoming a lesser concern. What is of concern these days, is profit, profit, and more profit! Companies these days are selling a "life-style" not just a pair of jeans or whatever you're buying. So if I buy these Ecco® jeans I'm a badass? If I wear these hype shell-toe Adidas I can talk about the old-school days? Do you ever think about how much a pair of jeans at the GAP® really cost? Or how about those new NIKE® boxing shoes? I'd guess that if you calculated the tax you have paid on your new shoes and divided by 10 you would have the answer. Ahhh, the smell of Oppression-Calvin Klein®...

So I ask you, "Do you know what you really like?" Now cover that label. Look at that skirt for what it is at face value. Now think. Is this really worth \$80? I thought not. I for one am a frugal bastard. Anyone who knows me will attest to that, (Allan, don't you buy

ANYTHING till you consult with me!). I think that in another life I must have been a Fred Sanford type-a-guy (Can't you just hear the theme song?) Combine that with being conscious of sweatshops and having a social conscience equals hard to shop. (Luckily the Goodwill is just across the street.) If you have a couple of hours or two I can swap stories of the strange items I've seen over there. I think before I leave the hallowed halls of GBC I may share with you all my favourite places to get a good deal on just about everything. So hold onto that cheddar, I'll hook you up soon! Have you heard the latest news? Roots Canada® is now selling vitamins! I guess now you can hop aboard the Roots Airline in your Roots clothes and pop some Roots pills. Like I said before, these days companies want you to buy into a "lifestyle". In addition, companies like Nautica® and Eddie Bauer® styling SUV's, and designer everything peddled in malls across the country: from pillow cases to water, (Diesel®). Do you guys think that I'm taking this all too seriously? I really am torn. I wish times were simpler. Like RUN DMC once said, "Calvin Klein's no friend of mine. Don't want someone's name on my behind! Until next time, I'm outta hear!!  
**Edwin Huang®**

## Our Community

# What I Want To Learn:

The Students of the Community Workers Program

**A**s every one knows language is a system of conversationally spoken or written symbols by means of which human beings as a member of society communicate. Language is also a key for communicating, expressing, showing our experience, ideas and knowledge. As we said in our introduction, there are many difficulties that new-comers are facing. In fact, the most common difficulty we see is with language and related to that, a lot of work, education and work

experience problems. This means language is going to block new-comers from getting or entering the system.

As we know most new-comers to Canada are non-English and French speakers. Even those who are coming from countries using English and French as an official language, they are not native speakers. That's why they are stuck and maybe shocked because they do have good or excellent background education, long work experience and enough knowledge. Most of them had worked in high-ranking positions in their own countries, but in Canada they are not able to get the

same position and knowledge to get the easy way for life in the society due to a language problem. That means the first step for every one of them is his or her ability to escape this particular problem or otherwise they are going to work in very low ranking and paying jobs, which does not fit their education or work experience. As we see in Toronto, there are many medical doctors, an abundance of lawyers, engineers, journalists, pharmacists and all kinds of professionals working in factories by the agencies or working as security guards. We know nothing ashamed for working any job, but we think those professional people have to receive a good chance to work on their careers and also they have to get real help for escaping the language problem through very short and effective language programs. They have to get fair evaluation for their education. Whatever degrees, masters, bachelors or doctors they have, we need them to be useful groups to the community. The purposes for bringing them to Canada are increasing population, increasing professionals and improving the society in many ways, but the way we are presently dealing does not help the goals. Now, the reality for them is that the job market rejected their experience and



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## Remember the Children

By Ann Robinson

**W**hen we think of domestic violence, we often only think of the women who are the targets of the violence. We often forget the children who witness the terror. The children most often feel frightened, confused and helpless. Their only desire is for the hitting to stop. Consequently, many children make promises to themselves that they will never marry or hit anyone. They never forget the trauma. Even in adulthood, a minor incident can trigger a flashback of painful past experiences. Some people avoid intimate relationships and are fearful that they may harm their own children. I believe that all

children who have experienced or witnessed violence need counseling to help them sort out their feelings. Counseling may also help children learn more appropriate ways to manage their anger and resolve conflict. These children would also benefit from being exposed to people that have healthy relationships. Having positive role models allows children the opportunity to experience and observe first hand mutually respectful relationships.

Domestic violence is financially costly to society. Some expenses include maintaining and building shelters, treating survivors, court proceedings and increasing police coverage. This said, the emotional, social, and personal cost to individuals is much greater. Violence creates a wretched legacy, which few people are able

to free themselves from. To break the cycle of violence, we must focus on our children who are our future leaders.

For further information on treatment programs for children, you can contact the following agencies:

Hincks - Dellcrest Centre  
416-924-1164 or  
416-633-0515

Leave out Violence (love) 416-785-8411

Creche Child and Family Centre  
416-603-1827  
Asling Discovers Child and Family Centre  
416-510-1420

George Hall Centre for Children and Families  
416-622-8833



## Africville: An Important Part of Canadian History

By Edwin Huang

### Do you know about Africville?

**M**any Canadians are unaware of the long and rich history of Black people in Canada. Mattieu Da Costa was one of the first Blacks to arrive in Canada. Da Costa, an African, sailed with the explorer Samuel de Champlain, and landed on the shores of Nova Scotia in 1606. Da Costa was trilingual and an interpreter between Champlain and the Mi'kmaq Indians. To discuss Nova Scotian, and thus Canadian history, is to be aware of the great contributions Blacks have made to Canada.

Africville was a small settlement located in Nova Scotia (on the shores of the Bedford Basin), which was established by former American slaves after the War of 1812 (Legalized slavery and segregation existed here in Canada. Slavery was not abolished in Canada and in the whole of the British Empire, until 1834, more than three decades before the 13th Amendment abolished it in the United States). In 1796, one of the first waves of immigration to Nova Scotia were a group of Jamaican Blacks called the Maroons who rebelled against British rule and were relocated to Halifax. During the War of 1812, the British enlisted support from Blacks in the rebellious colonies during the American Revolution. They promised freedom from slavery in exchange for loyalty to the Crown and to fight against the colonists. Over the duration of the War of 1812, it is estimated that some 2000 escaped slaves settled in the Maritime provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and fought for the British. Many others took the famous route of the

Underground Railroad to Canada. There are many documented accounts of bravery and danger while traveling the treacherous paths from slavery in the United States to freedom in Canada. Later in the 1900s, many people came from the West Indies to work in the mines. The number of occupants who lived in Africville never numbered more than 400. This was a working class community where almost everyone owned their homes, few were on welfare and a place where nobody locked their doors. The people of Africville worked as stonemasons, domestics, railway porters and stevedores. The community of Africville centred largely from the beliefs of the church. Rev. David George introduced the Black church to Nova Scotia in 1783 while Rev. Richard Preston, an activist, established the African United Baptist Association, a major religious and activist group in 1854. It is true that the majority of the Black population in Halifax did not live in Africville, although it served as a sanctuary to those who wanted to live in a private place, relatively free from the racism that existed of the predominantly white population at the time.

Although the residents of Africville paid taxes, they did not receive the same amenities as their white neighbours. The city of Halifax refused the basics such as running water, electricity, snow-ploughing, sewage, lights or paved roads. In addition, there was an absence of adequate fire or police protection, which was a further example of the neglect for Africville residents. The city also encouraged smelly, dirty industries to set up shop near Africville. With such adversity, the town still survived with its own school, church and post office. As the city of Halifax was going through a period of expansion and development, it

proceeded to build next to Africville: Rockhead Prison (1853), an Infectious Disease Hospital (1870's), a Trachoma Hospital (1905), a bone-meal fertilizer plant, a slaughterhouse and the city dump and incinerator (1950's). The final and most damaging event to the existence of Africville was the city's decision to build the railway lines through the centre of Africville-dividing it physically and spiritually forever. Racism and the lack of power of the residents without economic and political influence, made it the choice site for city service facilities not wanted in other parts of Halifax. In the 1960's, in the name of "urban renewal," the land of which was once Africville, was expropriated by the city government. Some families were paid the lowly sum of \$500 for their expropriated lands and homes-not nearly their true value. (Africville was located on some strategically located commercial real estate). The Halifax city government began driving the Africville residents into the city and into public housing. Homes were bulldozed to the ground. Garbage trucks were used to move people and their belongings. The last home was destroyed in 1970. To this day, more than 30 years later all that remains in what was once Africville, is an under-utilized park.

If there was any positive side to the injustice of Africville it was the unifying effect it had for Blacks to stand up and fight to change the social injustices they had endured for too long. On October 17, 1968, Stokely Carmichael, the Prime Minister of the Black Panthers Black Power movement, stayed overnight while in Nova Scotia to discuss with Black leaders the building of a Black Cultural centre. People in Nova Scotia, authorities and the police included, began to take notice.

As the month of February comes to an end, coinciding with the end of African Heritage month, let us remember the struggles of Black people and all others as well. Not only during February should we remember the strength of character and conviction of Canadians' past, rather we need to make a conscious effort to learn from our past mistakes and carry what we know into our everyday lives. Let us remember how far we have come in terms of social justice and how far we have yet to go.

Dedicated: To those who care enough to know and those who know to enough care to care...Edwin.

## Got A Great Teacher?

**I**n February 2001, George Brown College Foundation launched its new awards for teaching excellence at George Brown.

Their purpose is to publicly recognize outstanding full-time professors at the College. The GBC Foundation Crystal Apple Awards are made possible by the generosity of a dedicated individual who knows how important the teacher's role is within the College.

"Paul Carder came to the Foundation with an award concept. The Foundation administers many awards for students and was only too glad to talk to Dean Carder about establishing an award for teaching excellence. I think it is a wonderful gesture on his part and a great addition to our current awards", states GBC Foundation Director, Margot Sheppard.

"Teachers play such a vital role in the quality of education received at George Brown. As the College moves forward with its goal of increased academic excellence, it makes sense that those professors who are making a substantial difference in the classroom be applauded publicly", Dean Carder adds.

Paul is so dedicated to the Crystal Apple Awards that he has come back to the Foundation to discuss additional awards for support staff at the College. Each year, the College's Board of Governors recognizes outstanding staff and faculty teams. The Crystal Apple Awards will have a different spin - nominations for these awards will come from you, the student body.

Throughout your education at GBC, teachers motivate, challenge and inspire.

More often than not, professors do not receive enough public recognition for their dedication to the learning experience and their commitment to a quality education.

**There will be nine awards each year that range in value from \$1000 to \$5000 and will be presented at a ceremony in the spring.**

**If you have a great teacher, the Foundation wants to know!**

Nomination forms will be available in the March 2nd Dialog, at SA Offices, on the College website as well as at the GBC Foundation Office - Room 536E, St. James Campus.

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# POTABLES

## by Malt Disney

It's been a long time since Britain has been a world power at just about anything. The Royal Navy ain't what it used to be, the Royal Family had to give away their yacht and they continue to struggle with the Euro Dollar.

When they ruled the waves, and just about every shore too, the Brits had a mighty empire. The jewel in this imperial crown was India. To rule India, the English had to support a large military and bureaucratic presence. This was a time when the English looked down on the Indians, refusing to participate in anything Indian. They wouldn't eat their spicy food and certainly not drink their unusual potables.

Because the Indians did not produce beer and local water was suspect, there was a huge demand for imported English beer. The major English brewers of the time were only too happy to provide this market with English ales. The only problem seemed to be transportation.

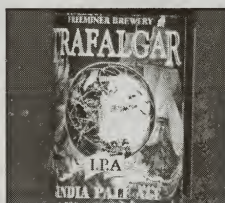
English ales tend to be on the low side of 4% alcohol by volume. They were made to be consumed locally and quickly. Beer made one week would often be drunk the following week. Beers like that would never survive the long ocean voyage to India.

The Master Brewers at Burton-on-Trent sure knew how to make beer. They also had a few tricks up their sleeves to make sure their products reached the thirsty soldiers and bureaucrats in India.

They produced a beer with a high Specific Gravity, that when fermented out would be of higher alcohol content than the standard of the day, Pale Ale. The beer was also amply

hopped, as the hop was a well-used antiseptic in beer, keeping the product from going off but imparting a particular bitter flavour. This product destined for the colony was called India Pale Ale. Since marking on the barrel were made by hand it was known by the short form IPA.

**Trafalgar India Pale Ale**  
Freeminer Brewery,  
The Laurels, Sling, Colesford, Royal Forest  
of Dean, Great Britain,  
6% alcohol by volume  
500ml



This is a traditional bottle conditioned ale. If you like your beer so clear you can read the Toronto Sun through them, you've come to the wrong beer, and the wrong newspaper for that matter.

Bottle conditioned beer have yeast deposits at the bottom of the bottle, (unless of course you have stored the beer on its side). To get a clear sample you must carefully pour the contents in one motion into a glass, being careful not to include the lees. Since the

cloudy stuff is only vitamin B12 or brewers yeast, I don't really care if my sample is cloudy. I often finish the bottle off by putting the neck to my lips and downing the remains. Trafalgar is the real thing. This is not your anemic Kiwi's IPA, but the real thing with extra alcohol and extra hops to save the journey to the new world. In a world where mediocre is the considered standard, this beer really rocks.

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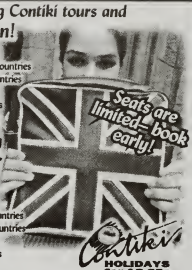
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# In Focus

## Do You Think You Are Getting Your \$\$'s Worth From GBC?



**David Spence**

"Yeah Life is good! The teachers are good!"



**Elesia**

"To a certain extent, we need more social events"



**KOFI**

"YEAH!!"



**Marvin**

"Yeah pretty much!"



**Shereen**

"Not really"



**Rowena**

"YES!"



**Ryan**

"YEAH!"



**Aragsan**

"No it could improve"



**Rose**

"Supplies are too much at the bookstore, Program wise YES"



**Suhaiylah**

"Not @ Hospitality"

# K-Sera-Sera

**Sera Gordon**  
Starving Student

**Education week**  
We are all being educated in this diverse world that we call home. What we take from it depends on us.

Ahh intercession week.... It's about time. This semester has whipped by. I can't believe that it is almost done. And then summertime! YAY!! I have learned a lot this semester. I know that I have to buckle down for the second half in order to get through this with some sense of pride about my accomplishments. This is the long stretch in the winter months without much to look forward to except deadline after deadline. And I thought school was easy. HAH, the last laugh is on me. I need this break, but will be here next week working on more projects that need to get done.

Everyone seems to be coming down with a cold something is definitely going around. Lucky I haven't gotten sick. Knock on wood. I bet as soon as I am done writing this I will sneeze and my luck will have run out. Fingers crossed. Lately I have been doing a lot of introspective searching....whether I was

reminiscing about the days that I spent as an EC dancer, or the time I spent hitching up and down the West Coast. To the time I spent exploring the rave culture, and now the continuation of my academic career. What does this leave me with....??? A lot of good stories to tell and some good memories. At least I can say I did it. And quirky antidotes to go along with me. I can't believe that I have been able to fit all that into my 26 years of living. And that is not the half of it. I will probably always live my life this way seeking excitement from crazy adventures! Speaking of crazy adventures I would be interested in knowing if any readers have any crazy adventures during their intercession break. I am planning on spending the first half of the break at school working and then heading to Vermont to ski at Jay Peaks. You know what they say "Work hard, Play hard"

A lot of the circumstances surrounding school have been causing stress to a lot of us so relax and have a great break! I look forward to coming back to school in March rested and rejuvenated. I have been a bit down in the dumps lately. I am rewriting my article because the first

time I did not save and lost the whole thing. Just as I finished, and since I am writing using the stream of consciousness, I lost everything. But I had to get back in the saddle and try again. I think the first one was better but what do I know? I have to move at the end of March and have been having a difficult time finding a place so extra stress there. Funny, it reminds of the time my mom told me I was eating a hamburger and it was really liver. Or when we got a cow named Jeffery and I was specifically told not to name the cow. I was able to put the connection together though when Jeffery disappeared and the freezer was stocked with beef. Hihmmmm..... And now I tell myself the reason why I don't eat meat is because I can't afford it. Today it was super sunny out, yet now as I look out the window it appears to be blizzarding. Let me see do I have anything else to bitch about? My parents just booked their vacation and are not taking me with them. Allan is going to the Netherlands to ride his bike. I am jaded; I think I have been in Toronto too long. I feel like old mother Hubbard bitch bitch..... Well that's all folks have a good one and I will try to lighten up. Peace Sera

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**Jodi Shannahan**  
President

I am motivated to run for the position of President again because I have accomplished a lot while I have been in office this year. For example, I have been a part of the process of developing the plans for the new Casa Loma Student Center.

**What motivated you to run for this position?**

**What relevant experience do you feel qualifies you for this position?**

**How do you plan to represent the needs of your fellow students?**

**In what ways would you increase student involvement at Student Association events?**

**What do you think George Brown's goal is in the Canadian Federation of Students?**

**If elected, list three primary goals you wish to accomplish during your term.**

**How do you plan on achieving goals within a diverse team environment?**

**How do you plan on balancing your time between commitments to the SA, school and other obligations?**

**What are your main areas of interest in relation to your particular campus?**

**George Brown is a diverse campus-in what ways would you strive for representation of ALL students?**

**Udana Muldoon**  
Vice-President-Education

The motivation to run for this position is seeing the potential the GBC has and what I can do in office this year. I see so many opportunities for learning within the student body. I want to bring about a way in which we can learn and grow from each other.

I have held the position of VP- St. James last year so I know the dedication that goes into being an executive. I have great time management skills and the initiative to find resolution to issues. I have planned and implemented forums and events.

Being a full time student myself I know how hard it is to make end meet, to get assignments in time and just being here. I will advocate and empower students to resolve issues that they have. I will bring concerns to College Council.

Being the Chair of the Events Committee, this year, I have learned from the students who are under represented to give me feedback to what student's need. We have a NEW EVENT STRUCTURE to be put in place next year. I believe that it is the KEY.

George Brown College's goal in the federation is to have a VOICE for college students across Ontario and nationally. CFS enables us to fight for student rights with other colleges and universities and to make the necessary changes we need as students

Increasing student involvement  
Building the Student Center  
Have an AMAZING STUDENT FORUM for students to vent and to get their issues and ideas met by the college

I plan on achieving our goals working within a team by listening to everyone's ideas and opinions, building on each other's strengths and always being open and honest with each other

I have already managed my time this year being President, so next year I will still use time management and ask for support when I need it

All of the campuses have things I would like to work on \* St. James Hospital by working on program specific problems\* Casa Loma by building the Student Center and working on the current student lounge\* Nightingale working with the College to provide better services.

I would like to reach out to students by getting our current volunteers and part time staff to give feedback as GBC is very diverse and everyone has different needs. I would like to get feedback from clubs and organizations to tell us what we need to do.

**Nikki McAllister**  
Vice-President-Casa Loma

I would like to provide a strong voice representing our concerns at Casa Loma and solve some of the problems we have been experiencing over the past two years.

I have been a student at GBC for two years and have extensive knowledge of student concerns in regards to Casa Loma Campus. I have worked as a customer service representative for the Student Benefits Office.

I will try to establish an effective group of class representatives who can bring the concerns of their fellow classmates to meetings where problems can be resolved.

One way to increase student involvement would be to establish better communication between the Student Association and program coordinators. Flyers outlining the events can be sent to the coordinators and in turn distributed to teachers.

To effectively represent the thoughts and ideas of the collective student body of George Brown College to other educational institutions and different levels of our Canadian Government.

I would like to make the men's and women's bathrooms a more pleasant experience for students I would like to ensure that the new facilities being built meet the needs and concerns of the students, not just the college and I would like to implement

I believe that teamwork is essential to the success of an effective student association. I hope to recognize the strengths of my team members and provide ample opportunity for ideas to be expressed. In this way mutual respect can be established.

I will use daily planners to schedule dates, appointments and assignments. I will also make use of a corkboard for visual reminders and a marker board for updates and changes.

Washroom cleanliness, longer Computer Access Lab hours and, more food options in the cafeteria. I would like to build stronger ties between students and George Brown by making Casa Loma Campus a better environment to learn in.

I hope to have a diverse and open-minded group of class representatives and volunteers that will help to make important decisions that encompass the vast diversity of Casa Loma's student body. I will also be available for anyone to come and input their thoughts and ideas.

**Tim Johnson**  
Vice-President, St. James

I want to try to make changes that will benefit all students. I want to represent the students who are too scared or quiet to make their own noise. I want everyone to enjoy his or her time at GBC.

I am the type of student who does not just wish things were different. I actually attempt to be heard. Above all, I am a great listener and I love helping people. Since I already work for the Student Association, I also understand what they stand for and the goals they have.

I am here to make sure that we, as students, are the most important things here at GBC. We paid a lot of money to be here, and walking away with just an education is not enough. I want everyone to leave college with happy memories of great times.

I would talk to students, and find out what they would like to see at the S.A. events. What will it take to see you there? I would make sure to be the type of Vice President that would attend as many S.A. run events as possible. This way I can see how to improve them.

George Brown and the CFS work hand in hand to help keep things like the ISIC card, and health plan low in cost. I agree with the CFS and hope to be able to continue working with them next year.

1) Increase student involvement and awareness of what is going on @ GBC.  
2) Help students in need with their problems.  
3) Maintain my good grades.

By using my co-workers at the S.A. and their knowledge and experience, I hope to be able to plan fun activities that everyone will enjoy. By using their input I can figure out what will work and what will not.

Being a second year student next year, my workload will be increased, and hopefully my in class time will be lowered. This way I will have time to meet with students and still concentrate on my grades. Social life will have to take a back seat until I meet these other obligations

Since I currently work in the lounge and at Subway, I would like to see more activities planned for the lounge on top of the usual Wednesday and Thursday pub night. We can maximize the use of the lounge and make it more accessible to everyone.

The diversity of GBC is what makes it so great! I would accept everyone's ideas and suggestions for improvement regardless of age, sex, race or colour. Those factors should have no bearing on decisions made for the school.

**Doug Ball**  
Vice-President, St. James

My time at George Brown has been great. During this year, I have had the opportunity to participate in many extracurricular activities that would not otherwise exist without the efforts of the Student Association.

I have been actively involved with student life at George Brown. I have been privileged to be a leader on the men's volleyball team for the past two years. I represented the volleyball team on the Athletic Council.

As St. James Vice-President, I will implement a direct student participation policy by placing a suggestion box in every faculty office. I encourage all students to feel free to address their concerns to me at all times. I will keep an open mind.

You have to give the people who direct the school a listen to suggestions by all students for Student Association events. Your College Years are supposed to be the best of your life. I will work to make events exciting and original at George Brown.

GBC's goal in the CFS is to take a leading role in promoting diversity and equality among all students. Other colleges should see George Brown as a role model and inspiration. In an era of cutbacks and rising user fees, George Brown should fight for a freeze.

As St. James Vice-President, I will advocate interaction between students of different programs to promote the College community. Secondly, I will promote stronger student involvement in the many great services offered here.

Growing up in Toronto, I have been surrounded by diversity. I am an excellent group facilitator and mediator. I will advocate a democratic process in resolving conflicts and I will support fresh ideas and innovative goals.

One of the most important skills in life is time management. I have always been a well-organized individual and I give top priority to my largest commitments. Next year they will be George Brown, and the Student Association.

I have been strongly involved in activities at St. James. I have been a leader on the men's volleyball team and a representative on the Athletic Council. I have been involved in several community service activities.

I will implement a direct student participation policy by placing suggestion boxes in all faculty offices. I will support events that encourage the participation of students from every background.

**Charles Baker**  
Rep-Hospitality

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## RoboCop Is Just Around the Corner!!!

By Gil Gauthreau, Instructor,  
Low Budget Movie Making

**T**he students in Low Budget Movie Making (Phot 9023) had a rare

opportunity when they were offered a behind the scenes look at the making of the new RoboCop mini-series, Prime Directives. In a studio in Toronto's east end the class crowded into a very tight set where Producer/Director Julian Grant was directing stunt scenes for the final 2 hour movie of the 4 part mini-series. "I wanted this to

be a dynamic, exciting film, nothing short of a 360-minute ride through old Detroit and Delta City with Alex Murphy and John Cable" says producer-director Julian Grant. "One of the things I've tried to bring to the production is a feeling of kineticism and intensity. We used lots of wide angle lenses and a camera that's in almost constant motion." Director of Photography Russ Goozee "has an incredible instinct when it comes to lighting and shooting. He knows exactly what each scene, each shot requires" said Grant. The mainstay of every version of RoboCop has been the outstanding

Robosuit. "Our RoboCop is a little more rugged, a little rougher and tougher" says Grant of the modified design. "To use a western analogy, if the original was the clean cut Gary Cooper version, then this one is definitely RoboCop in his Clint Eastwood phase - battle scarred and tough as nails." The night we were there, the crew had already put in a long 10 hour day of shooting with 4 more hours yet to go. Despite the time pressures they were under, Julian Grant, Russ Goozee and production designer Tim Boyd all took time out to answer students' questions and give them tours at the props area, set design offices,

production offices, as well as letting us observe as individual scenes were filmed. Considering the pace they were setting, this was incredibly generous of them and every student in the class felt they had been given an unique opportunity to see up close how a production is handled. The documentary *The Making of RoboCop* airs March 4 and the mini-series itself commences in March on Space: The Imagination Station (Phot 9023) Tel: 440-1460

## ANSWERS TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTEST

Q. The term "the real McCoy" refers to which invention by Elijah McCoy, a Black Canadian born in Ontario in 1843?

A. Self-lubricating cup for steam engines

Q. In 1985, who was the first member of a minority group to be appointed to the post of Lieutenant governor of Ontario?

A. Lincoln M. Alexander.

Q. Who was the first Black alderman of Toronto, served 13 consecutive terms, was controller and acting mayor and established public utilities in the city?

A. William Peyton Hubbard

Q. Which Toronto born rookie was selected by the Charlotte Hornets in the first round of the 2000 NBA draft?

A. Jamaal Magloire

Q. Which Ontarian (born 1943) recorded more than 3,000 strike-outs in the major leagues, became a member of the Harlem Globetrotters (1967-1969) and received the Order of Canada in 1984?

A. Ferguson Jenkins

Q. In 1972 which educator and social activist became British Columbia's first elected Black woman cabinet minister?

A. Rosemary Brown

Q. Which Nova Scotia Black community, demolished as a result of the Halifax urban renewal project in the '60s, was an original settlement of Black loyalists in the late 1700s?

A. Africville

Q. In what year did Denham Jolly and his associates receive a CRTC license to operate Canada's first Black-owned commercial radio station, Milestone Radio (93.5 FM)?

A. 2000

Q. Which internationally acclaimed jazz pianist, now a companion of the Order of Canada and winner of 7 Grammy awards was born in Montreal in 1925?

A. Oscar E. Peterson

Q. Which justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario (1989), became a chief justice of the Federal Court of Canada in 1991?

A. Julius Isaac

Q. In the 19th century, which Father of Confederation and founder of the "Globe" newspaper advocated for equality for Upper Canada's Black population?

A. George Brown.

### CONTEST WINNERS!

The first annual Black History Month contest generated lots of interest. Students and staff of the College enjoyed challenging their knowledge of African-Canadian history. Over eighty entries were received, and 19 students had all correct answers. A draw was held to pick the prize winners. Congratulations to:

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# Sports

by Leah Calverley

## George Brown Skier's Compete at OCAA Championships

George Brown College's Alpine Ski team recently finished their season off at the OCAA Championships Wednesday February 21st at Georgian Peaks Ski Club in Collingwood. Conditions were excellent on the slopes with the exception of the temperatures, which dipped as low as -40 degrees with the wind chill. George Brown had three racers this year, who worked hard all season. Coach Shawn Alexander worked with the skiers by train

ing once a week at the North York Ski Centre. All the skiers improved over the season, but due to the lack of accessibility to the slopes compared to more northern colleges such as Georgian and Sir Sandford Fleming, they gave up many of the top spots.

Despite our small, developing alpine ski team, George Brown was still able to capture

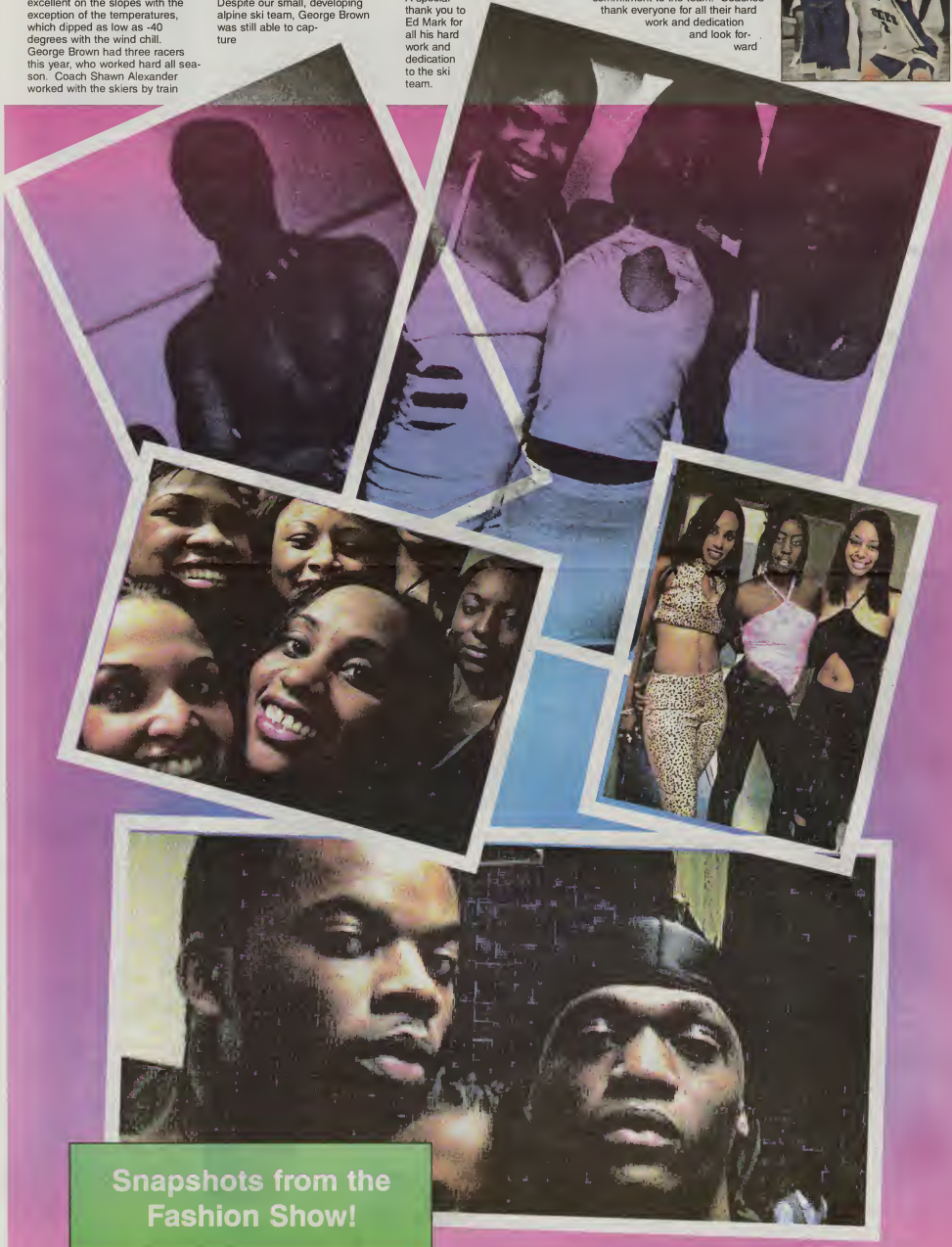
respectable spots. Adam Vokes, a second year Architecture Technology student, placed 6th in the Giant Slalom and 13th in Slalom. Matt Kirner, a second year Tool and Die student, placed 12th in GS and 15th in the Slalom. In the women's division, George Brown had only one entrant, Krista Pattinson, a second year Fashion Management student, who placed 6th in both the GS and slalom. Congratulations to all who gave a superb effort.

A special thank you to Ed Mark for all his hard work and dedication to the ski team.

## Women's Basketball Comes to a Close

The Women's Basketball team finished off their season in February with five wins and thirteen losses, just three wins short of making the final and last playoff spot. Coaches and players had their sites on at least qualifying for and possibly upsetting one of the higher ranked teams in the playoff round. The girls all displayed outstanding competitiveness and commitment to the team. Coaches thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication and look forward

to working with the Lady Huskies again. Best of luck in all future endeavours to the women not returning.



Snapshots from the Fashion Show!